



WESSEX MG CAR CLUB THE TOLLGATE INN-HOLT

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

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**NEXT CLUB NIGHT
PLANNED FOR 26th
JULY**

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With the recent good weather during the last couple of weeks I have been using my MG regularly for travel to and from work and I hope that everyone has been able to take advantage of the good weather.

The highlight of the last month was the mid-week picnic at Bolderwood in the New Forest and I would like to thank Gordon and Sandra for their efforts in organising this. When I arrived at the site I was surprised to see another group of MG cars there, The Newbury MG Group had also decided to organise a picnic run on the same day and had arrived just before us, what a coincidence!!

Although the easing of Covid restrictions has been delayed this should not cause a problem with any of the Club events planned in the next few weeks as they are outdoor or at Covid Secure venues.

It will be a busy few weeks with another Mid-Week Picnic run on Wednesday June 23rd organised by Gordon and Sandra and then on Sunday July 11th we have a club stand at the Atwell Wilson

Museum at Calne, if you have not yet booked for this please do so as soon as possible as they still have a few entries available.

On Monday July 26th we have planned our Club Barbecue at The Tollgate which at present is still able to go ahead and when I get the menu options and prices I will email them out as the Tollgate want pre orders at least 10 days before, hopefully the weather will be kind to us on the day.

Also in the coming months we have The Chippenham Lions Cherished Vehicle Show, The White Horse Vehicle Show, Toms Action Day and The Castle Combe Classic Race Day

The regular quiz participants have decided to suspend quiz nights for the summer period as there are plenty of outdoor things to enjoy.

I am planning on organising some short evening runs during the coming months which will take us to a place where we can get takeaway food if we wish, Please let me know if you would like to join one of these runs and I will plan some routes .



Martyn



Club Member Car of the Month



The featured car this month is Ken Scott's MGB roadster. Reminiscing of the days when we used to be able to have 'parade laps' at Castle Combe on club events...





En Route

Malcolm Taylor

The pic is supposed to be of me in a representation of my last MG before the present F/TF's. It was commissioned by one of my brothers and created by my sister's daughter-in-law. She brands herself as 'the woolly wife'. She started with knitting and sewing things but has moved on to computer generated drawings. Very good for her first attempt involving a car. Except, of course you MG buff's will have noticed an incorrect MG badge. It will be one of my most treasured possessions.

My brother sent her a photograph of me, but Pat reckons it's an old photo because I seem to have too much hair?

Those that attended Gordon's first 'Great Escape' will know that Pat and I never made it. At the last moment, I decided to drop my fleece into the boot. It was a really Tom and Jerry moment. My hand knew it shouldn't be shutting the boot because my keys were in the fleece, but my brain couldn't get a signal to it in time! You may remember my account of me locking the keys to a works Marina, into the boot, in the wilds of Scotland. That was easy to get into, this was impossible. There's an engine between the cab and the boot.

If anyone does the same, don't bother with the breakdown people, you need an expensive locksmith. £75 for 5 minutes work. And he kept putting the time back, to keep me on the hook, until it was too late.

On the operational front, I now have a new bionic hip and am back home in the capable care of Pat. I came out on Sunday and they seemed keen to get rid of me. On Thursday night after the op, I was not being a considerate patient and was complaining loudly about the level of pain. They were complaining about me disturbing the other patients. So, in desperation I threatened to dial 999 to get some pain relief.

The end result was my ejection from the ward to spend the night alone in an empty ward.





The Great Escape

Paul Warn

On the 19th May, squeezed as it turned out between a few days of rain, Gordon and Sandra organised the 'Great Escape'. The first club outing since the world took a collective shiver, hunkered down and waited for science to dig us out of a gapping hole - probably of mankind's own making...

There were a few verbal warnings from our organisers as the weather forecast evolved leading up to the event. But we needn't have worried for the virtual klaxon was heard and The Wessex MG Club emerged from their enforced lockdown and set out with their picnics on the road to Bolderwood in the New Forest.

It was good to meet and catch-up again and also meet with new members who had joined during the pandemic.

Terry Warder had been particularly busy during shutdown. Terry designed and made a new trophy in memory of Vic Wright. Vic was a stalwart of the club, amongst the events he organised was the motoring tests held during 'The MGs in Tom's Field' an event held annually over the August Bank Holiday. In future the winner of this event will have their name added to this trophy. See photos 1 and 2.

Alas it was time to call it a day, although some were reluctant to leave. See photos 3 and 4. A grand day out with thanks to Sandra and Gordon.





Secretary's Scribbles

We did Father's Day a week early this year to avoid a big family get together (outdoors in the rain) for my Mother in Law's 70th Birthday on the proper day. You will remember how hot it was the week before..... We found ourselves going to Clifton in the Magnette and melting for my surprise outing.

Why is it that sometimes it is too hot for classic cars? My surprise day meant a pub lunch and a walk across the Clifton Suspension Bridge to go and look around the Brunel Visitor Centre. After the visit we returned over the terrifying bridge to sit up by the observatory and do some sketching of the view. We were properly hot and the ice creams didn't last long, but it was lovely and the yobbos were all watching the football so the atmosphere was lovely.

I had managed to park the Magnette in the shade so we weren't deep fat fried on the way home, I also decided to come home on the M32/M4 to keep the airflow going to keep us cool - this I think was actually quite a good move compared to the roundabout crawl on the way. So lessons...

- 1) It can be brave to take a classic saloon car over an air-conditioned modern conveyance.
- 2) 2) Going on the motorway can sometimes improve the quality of your journey (didn't expect that conclusion).

Tom





CLUB DIARY

2021 EVENTS DIARY				
Date	Event	Club Event	Venue	Contact Details & Start Point/ Time
25th July	MGF25		Gaydon British Motor Museum	Still going ahead at the moment as it is an outside event and the Museum has Covid-19 Secure Status!
26th July	Club BBQ		Tollgate	
31st July/ 1st Aug	Gloucester Steam Fayre		South Cerney	Rescheduled for August 2022
22nd Aug	Chippenham Lions Cherished Vehicle Show		Meadow Farm Nurseries Chippenham	Club Stand booked
23rd August	Club Car Run		TBA	
30th August	MGs in Tom's Field		Tom's house	
5th Sept	White Horse Vehicle Show		Westbury	
27th Sept	Club Night		Tollgate	
2nd Oct	Castle Combe Autumn Classic		Castle Combe Race Circuit	Club Stand booked
25th Oct	Club Night		Tollgate	
30th Oct	Scalextric Evening		Eddington Village Hall	Roger Binney
22nd Nov	Club Night AGM		Tollgate	
11th Dec	Christmas Party		Tollgate	



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